

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of Hiromichi NAKATA, et al.

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For: FUEL CELL SEPARATOR, MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF
AND FUEL CELL



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. The paragraphs marked below are applicable.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date or the date of filing a CPA, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.

Relevance of the non-English language reference(s) is discussed in the present specification.

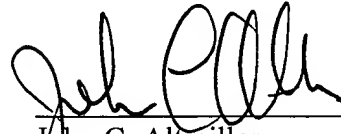
The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/303,997, filed which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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